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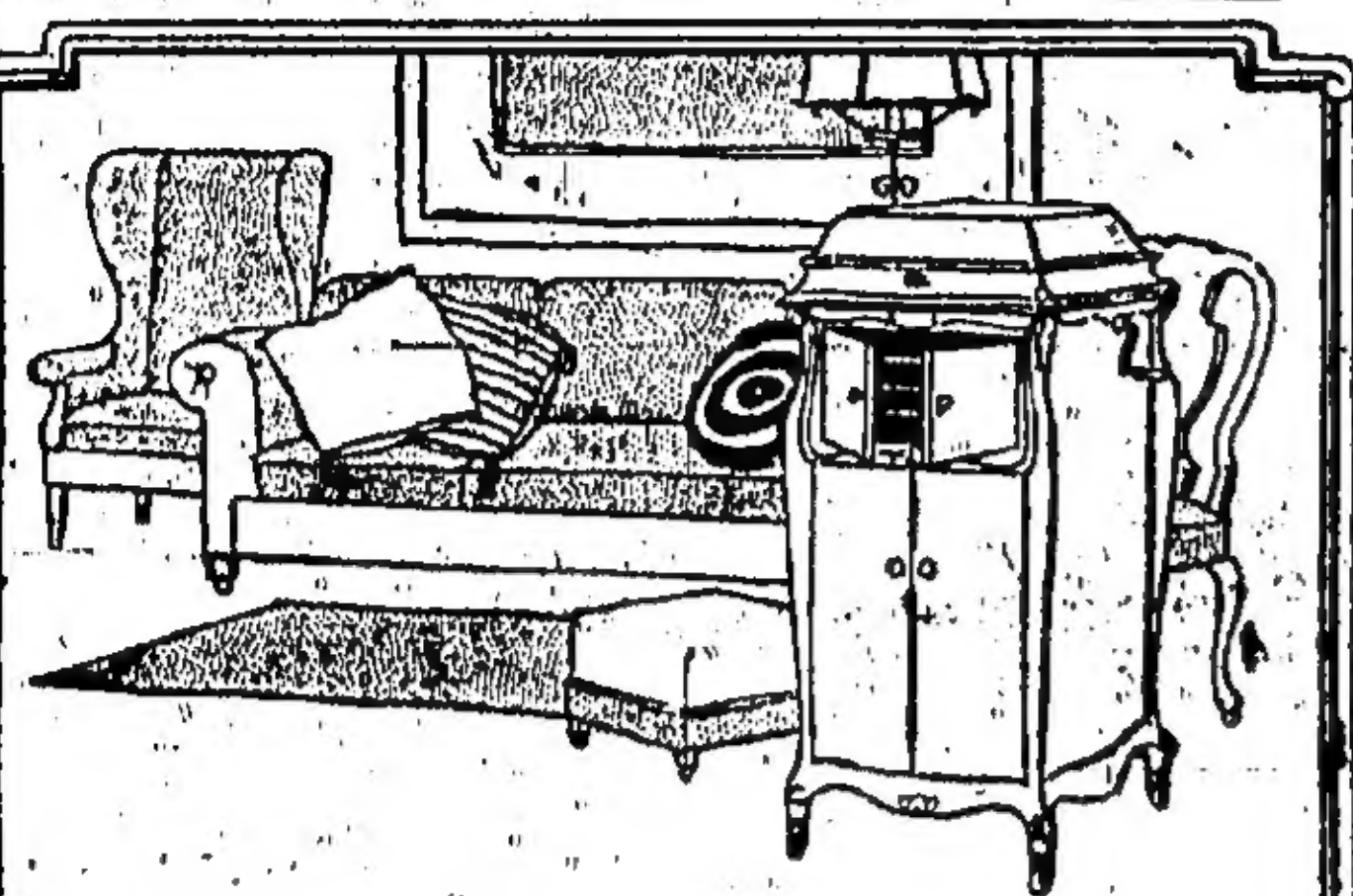
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Paris, May 12.

The results of 527 constituencies out of 584 give the Right Parties 243 seats, including the Moderate Republicans 117, and the Left Republicans 82.

The Left Parties have 280 seats, including Radicals and Radical Socialists 124, Socialists 91, and Communists 26.

There will be second ballots in four constituencies.

The Right losses total 157 and the Left gains 104, namely Radicals and Radical Socialists 46, Socialists 44, and Communists 14.

The Communists gained nine seats in the fourth Seine constituency which embraces the industrial area around Paris.

Those elected include Klotz, Painlevé, George Leygues and Bokanowski, the Minister of Marine.



FRANC SLUMPS.

PARIS, May 12.

While it is premature to say France will soon have a Radical government the results of the elections hitherto mark an undoubted reverse of the Poincaré supporters, the success of the Left Parties probably surpassing the latter's expectations.

The Left holds a clear majority on the 449 results which have been declared and the question of the hour is how far the last 100 returns may modify this.

Prominent figures defeated include the Royalist Leon Daudet, the Catholic leader General De Castelnau, the brilliant Clemenceau Mandel, and the former Minister Maunoury Moby.

The market's sense of impending change is evidenced in the remarkable fall of the franc from 73 to 78 for sterling and from 1676 to over 18 for the dollar. — Reuter.

"RESIGN!"

3 p.m.

The results which are still arriving indicate that while Paris was loyal to Poincaré the Left has swept the country.

The question on all lips is "When will Poincaré resign?"

The government organ *Intransigent* admits a majority in the next chamber of Radical Socialist and Socialist and says that Poincaré is unlikely to resign until the Chamber meets when his resignation will become automatic.

M. Briand or M. Herriot will probably be invited to form a cabinet.

The Left Press also demands the resignation of the President, M. Millerand, owing to his close identification with Poincaré's policy and the fact that he has been represented as taking a more direct part in politics than is customary for a President.

According to the best information, however, a Presidential crisis is unlikely.

The Left newspapers are jubilant. *Le Soir* declares, "The Bloc National is dead; it is the duty of Poincaré and Millerand to go." — Reuter.

"KING OF MAYORS"

PARIS, May 13.

M. Herriot, the distinguished educationist pioneer of local government, known as "king of mayors" on account of the success of his many years mayoralty of Lyons who was Minister of Transport in the War, shares Loucheur's reputation of being one of first economic authorities of France and who organized the Lyons Fair has been identified with attempts to restore Franco-Russian commercial relations. — M. Herriot went on a mission to Moscow regarding the matter two years ago. He is credited with pro-English leanings.

LATEST FIGURES.

5 P.M.

The returns are complete from the colonies and one Nord department while there will be four second ballots.

Results are as follows:—

Left Parties 296
Right Parties 274

The Left Parties are composed of:—

Radicals and Radical Socialists 127
Republican Socialists 39
Socialists 101
Communists 29

The Right Parties are composed of:—

Conservatives 11
Moderate Republicans 137
Left Republicans 92
Independent Radicals 348

M. Fabry, Minister of Colonies M. Painlevé, former Premier, and M. Cachin, Communist leader, are among the returned, while M. Sadleiro, the aviator, M. Worth, head of the dressmaking firm, Philippe Barres and his son Maurice Barres are among the defeated.

PREMIERS' MEETING DELAYED.

LONDON, May 12.

The opinion is held in London that the meeting MacDonald and M. Poincaré at Chequers with inevitably be abandoned as a result of the French elections.

A meeting between Mr. MacDonald and the new French Premier is regarded as certain, but this must necessarily be delayed to give M. Poincaré's successor time to look round.

BERLIN, May 12.

The Press is elated over M. Poincaré's discomfiture, though there is a difference of opinion as regards its effects on his Ruhr policy.

[M. Raymond Poincaré, born at Bar-le-Duc was educated at the College of Nancy. He was called to the bar in 1880, and practised for a time as a lawyer in Paris. He then turned to politics, and wrote political articles for the "Voltaire" and the "Republique Française." Elected to the Chamber of Deputies in 1887, he was Minister of Public Instruction in 1893, and Minister of Finance in 1894 and 1906. From 1895 to 1898 he was vice-president of the Chamber of Deputies. He became a member of the Senate in 1903, and Premier of France in 1912. His term of office was marked by important French initiatives in connection with the Near Eastern crisis. In 1913 he was elected President of the Republic, and held that office till 1920 and by his constancy and calm dignity did much to inspire confidence in the French nation during the Great War. On the termination of his presidency he joined the staff of the "Revue des Deux Mondes" as contributor of the political chronicle. For a time he was President of the Reparations Commission, but resigned owing to disagreement with the Allied policy on that question. He became Premier again after the fall of M. Briand in 1922. His eloquent "Messages," "Discours," "Allocutions," "Lettres et Télégrammes," models of style, from the Armistice to the signing of the Peace Treaty, were published in 1920 in two volumes.]

COALITION MOOTED.

PARIS, May 13.

All the Ministers who sought re-election have been returned.

With 574 results available the United Left Parties retain a majority of 22 over all the other groups.

The newspapers emphasise the vulnerability of any government based on such a narrow majority without a common constructive policy and whose only point of cohesion is its opposition to the Bloc National.

A wide field for speculation has been opened by the suggestion that in order to safeguard its chance of survival the new Government must secure the support of the Right Centre groups and form a coalition of "Republican concentration," though with a considerably more Left complexion than M. Poincaré's Government.

The Cabinet meets to-morrow to discuss questions arising out of the elections, notably whether M. Poincaré will resign immediately or await the Assembly of Parliament and thereby keep his engagement at Chequers on May 19.

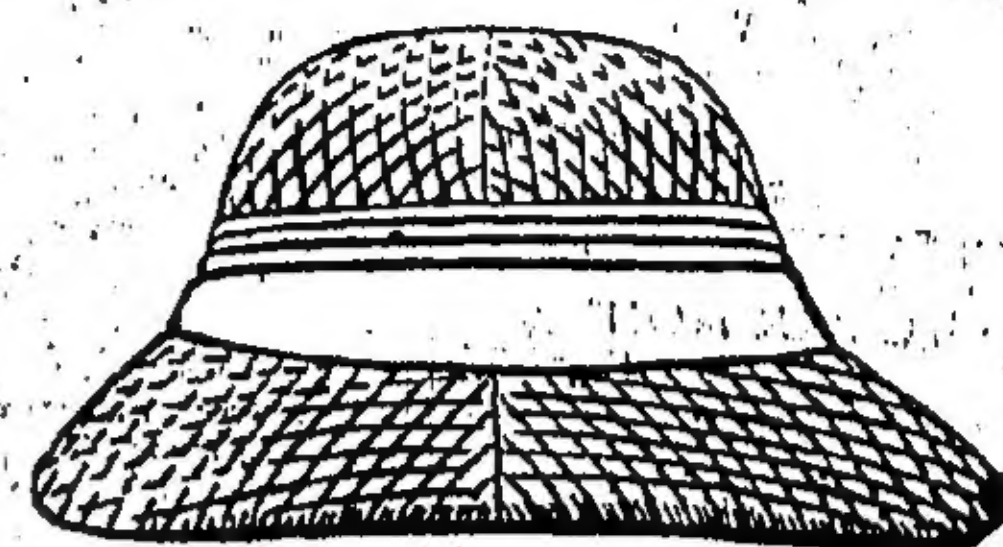
EARLIER CABLES.

PARIS, May 12.

Three hundred and nine results hitherto have been reported out of 584 seats. The elected include twelve Conservatives, 63 Republicans, 41 Left Republicans, 21 Radicals, 82 Radical Socialists, 20 Republican Socialists, 58 Unified Socialists, and eight Communists. Notabilities returned include Ex-Ministers Thomson, Colrat, Reidel, Ex-Minister Malvy who was banished from France, the Communist Marty who was long imprisoned for participation in the Black Sea mutiny, Franklin Bouillon the author of the Angora agreement, and Herriot the Radical Socialist Mayor of Lyons. The defeated include Ex-Minister Lasteyrie, Prince Murat, Tardieu the bitter opponent of M. Poincaré. *Le Matin* points out that although the Leftists are apparently winning in rather a large number of departments, the Bloc National remains steady in several departments.

A rough division of parties shows 133 Rightists have hitherto been elected, namely Conservatives, Moderate Left Republicans, and Dissident Radicals. One hundred and sixty-eight Leftists have been elected, namely Radical Socialists, Republican Socialists, Unified Socialists, and Communists. The Rightists had 26 gains and 130 losses showing a net loss of 104. The Leftists won 97 and lost 19, a net gain of 78. M. Peret, President of the Chamber was re-elected.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 16th May, 1924, at 12.20 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1923, and of declaring Dividends etcetera. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from May 2nd to May 15th, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board, C. MONTAGUE EDE, General Manager.

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The public is therefore warned against dealing with the said shares without reference to the undersigned. Any person having any knowledge as to the whereabouts of the said scrip is asked to communicate with the undersigned.

Messrs. ELLIS & CO. Hongkong, 9th April, 1924.

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on FRIDAY, the 23rd May, 1924, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1923. The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 9th to the 23rd May 1924, both days inclusive. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD. General Agents. Hongkong, 5th May, 1924.

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By Order of the Board of Directors, S. J. JORDAIN, Secretary.

Hongkong, 7th May, 1924.

NOTICE

DURING my absence from the Colony, the Hongkong Office will be in charge of Mr. R. E. OST who will sign "per procuration."

B. MONTEITH WEBB, Director ARNHOLD & CO., LTD. Hongkong, 12th May, 1924.

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MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

The Estonian Minister for Home Affairs has dissolved a number of trade unions owing to their activities against State interests.

The official price of standard grade flour was lowered 6d. to 37s. for the London area. It was 38s. 6d. at the beginning of last month.

Thomas Evans, aged 61, of Morriston, near Swansea, while on his way to his mother's funeral collapsed on the road and died.

The auction sale of beach stands at Brighton realised more than £3,000, the highest price being £81 for a photographer's pitch.

"I know I am done for, but don't tell the wife," said Ambrose Young, a vanman, when crushed between his van and a motor-lorry at Merion Abbeys goods station, Surrey.

The first locomotive ever made and run in England, a 19-inch long model by William Murdoch, the inventor of coal-gas lighting, is shortly to be sold at Harwood's, Collier House, Piccadilly, W.

Because Czech crowns may not be exported without a permit, money in this currency to the value of £3,000 was confiscated at the frontier from an Englishman who was travelling from Czechoslovakia to Austria.

Six delegates of the Soviet Government have arrived in Amsterdam to open negotiations with the Folker aeroplane company for important purchases of aeroplanes for military use.

Warrant-officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of kilted Highland and Scottish regiments are to wear Highland shoes instead of angle boots at ceremonial parades and for walking out.

Charged with stabbing Elizabeth Ann Smith, of Watson-street, Deptford, in a shop in London-street, Greenwich, Frederick Charles Day, 19, shop assistant, of Newmarket-street, Greenwich, was remanded at Greenwich.

The body of William James, a labourer, was found on the cliffs between Broadstairs and Margate tied to a 40ft. rope fastened to a stay wire of a telegraph pole. Presumably he threw himself over the cliff. The inquest will be held.

"That is your judgment, but it is not justice," said a man at Southwark County Court when upon Judge Sir Thomas Granger asked the man to repeat the words. "The man did so, and the judge then fined him £2 for contempt of court."

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SILAS.—On May 4, 1924, at Bombay (by cable), Mabel, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Silas.
SHEPHERD.—On May 7, 1924, at Shanghai, E. Bruce Shepherd.

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HONGKONG TUESDAY, MAY 13, 1924

FRENCH ELECTIONS.

The French elections, the results of which are reported in

the Ruhr policy, is for holding Germany in thrall, for subordinating the League of Nations to France, and, notwithstanding his professions to the contrary, would, if he could, establish a French hegemony in Europe. It was an evil day for France and for Europe, when in January, 1922, M. Briand, then Premier, suffered temporary political eclipse. He had been to London to confer with Mr. Lloyd George, and later at a conference at Cannes had, with the British Prime Minister, persuaded the representatives of the Powers there assembled of the wisdom of convening an international conference, which would embrace, besides the Allied powers, Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and Russia, to consider the problem of the economic and financial rehabilitation of Europe. Had that conference been held, the Ruhr policy, which was subsequently entered upon, would have been impossible, while long ere this Europe would, it is tolerably safe to say, be well on the way to recovery from her war wounds, which still stand gaping open. But it was not held. M. Briand's policy was repudiated by the French Chambers and he retired from the Premiership, making room for M. Poincare. Two years and more have since sped. Poincare's policy of the heavy hand has been tried in the meantime, and has failed. Judging from the election results the French nation now realises that it has failed and we may look for a new era in the settling of Europe's greatest problem.

Police Activities.

It is refreshing to note, and a pleasure to commend, the intelligent activities of the police, to put an end to a series of crimes on the part of those who prey on the unoffending. Seamen are often easy victims. A well-laden pocket, a generosity that knows no bounds almost, very often puts a man in a condition in which he is easily preyed upon. Many a rich man has probably gone out of business on either the result of generous cumshas, given to him without a thought, or on cumshas that he has deliberately taken, with but one thought, and that not concerned with the morality of his actions or the consequences of them upon himself or his victim. Our Criminal Investigation Department is tackling things in a really intelligent manner and is using the art of disguise to a considerable, and as events prove, a successful extent. Riches' coolies, according to their station in life, are relatively honest, and in the matter of the fares given them, are more often than not, generously treated. But in any case, passengers, no matter in what condition they may be, must be protected from those with thieving propensities and Hongkong made safe for rich men's users to live in. If our Police persevere as they are doing, Hongkong will become the envy of the Far East.

Babies.

"Out of the nowhere into here" is the phrase a poet once used in reply to his own—"Where did you come from baby dear?" It is a very fanciful thought, made sad by the unfortunate fate of so many babies brought "out of the nowhere" into a "here" which, for them, proves far from bright. But generally speaking, the lot of the baby is an enviable one. All eyes are centred on the mite; even the Stopes, faction wish that which is best for him, although we sometimes fear they and others think of him imperially—as one amongst scores of thousands of others destined to carry on the traditions of his race and country and, if necessary—which is often the case—to take up arms in its defence—or offence. The lot of the infant is becoming more and more the care of the State. Many of our adulteration laws are aimed to guard his well-being; and when even schoolboys are reached, his health becomes not only the concern of his parents, but that of the authorities. Those who know tell us that there is now no reason why a child should not live 12 years beyond the age of its grandfather; meaning probably that conditions are such that it should be easy for a child to do so. It seems therefore in keeping with the interest that is always

evinced in babies—even by those who, it is alleged, would sooner have motor cars, and certainly keep dogs, than the National Baby Week—Council should, in connection with the Empire Exhibition, seek to find out the Empire's bonniest baby. What good is likely to result from the competition the promoters probably know better than anyone else. Many children live to-day to think hard things of those who tackled on war names to them through the Boer and the Great Wars; and it may be that, say, Harold Plantagenet Jones, is not likely to thank his parents for having proved to the satisfaction of certain judges that he was the bonniest baby in 1924. But there it is. We have received a fairly large supply of forms from the National Baby Week Council, and shall be glad to distribute them. But there our responsibility ceases!

Winning the UNFORGETTABLE SHANGHAI MOMENTS. Waking to realise that it was only a dream. Getting married. Realising you are still married. Wearing a bowler hat for the first time. Checking the boss. Getting the sack for doing it. Kissing the wrong lady. Explaining to her husband. Realising there is a hole in your trousers. Holding your first-born. Hearing the announcement—"twins"! Your first cigar, or cocktail. Trying to eat haggis.

THE PHIL'S. A proposed production of the "Yeoman of the Guard" to the idea of "The Mikado" came to Gilbert through a couple of accidental occurrences. A Japanese sword which had hung in his room for years fell from its place, and about the same time a company of Japanese arrived in England and established themselves in the Knightsbridge neighbourhood. Society hastened to adopt a Japanese cult, which was thereupon seized upon by Gilbert as his latest theme. "The Mikado" was first produced at the Savoy in 1885.

BAD EGGS. A point of international importance has been raised by the arrival in London in an unsound condition of 80 casks of egg-yolk shipped from Hankow. The Medical Officer of Southwark not only refused to allow delivery of the yolk, but said that it must not be re-exported for human consumption. The importer had sought permission to reship the yolk to Hamburg for that purpose. The Medical Officer contended that what was not good enough for human consumption in England was not good enough for German consumption, and he would not allow the yolk to go to any country. His action has been approved by the Public Health Committee of Southwark Borough Council. It has now been arranged that the consignments may be released for commercial purposes, after treatment which will prevent its use for human consumption.

IN SOHO. Not our largest, but our best-known foreign quarter in London, Soho, always attracts the visitor, for its restaurants of all nations are a constant attraction. But why is it called Soho? The name is at least as old as 1632, which destroys a pretty legend that it was given to the district in compliment to the Duke of Monmouth, who had a house here and used, the old hunting cry as his watchword at Sedgemoor. For that battle was not fought till 1685, and the name is in old rate books of 1632. More likely it got its name because this was once a popular place for hunting hares—the Lord Mayor and aldermen used to ride out here for the sport—and "So-ho" was the old cry when a hare was found. So there was a Soho before it served as a battle cry.

SCALY METHUSELAHS. Four golden carp removed recently from a pond in Hampton Court Park to the Long water are alleged to be 200 years old.

This is quite credible, for the carp, an exceedingly slow-growing fish, is known to attain to a great age. In a lake in the grounds of the Palace of Fontainebleau there are several which are certainly not less than 150 years old, and still "going strong". The pike, also a very slow-growing, though exceedingly greedy fish, likewise attains to a great age. One mentioned by Konrad Gessner, the Swiss naturalist, was 267 years old, having lived all that while in captivity in a fish-pond.

A very interesting set of linen for the Holy TO SHRINE into the possession of the Church of St. Nicholas, Cole Abbey. It was

woven for blinds for Buckingham Palace, but was never used for that purpose. A complete set of Albs has been made out of the linen, and the total cost, the Rector states, is only £2 4s. 5d., whereas the list price of such a set is in the neighbourhood of £8 or £9.

It was mentioned a little while ago that Mr. A. A. Milne's charming comedy, "Mr. Pim Passes By," had been staged in Berlin. It has been quite a popular success, having had a run of several weeks, an unusual hit for the German capital, where our long runs are practically unknown. Its place is to be taken by "Magic," the one and only play we have yet had from Mr. G. K. Chesterton. Another British newcomer on the Berlin stage is Mr. Somerset Maugham's "Lady Frederick." Translators are busy with other English plays, and managers are very keen about getting them. They are, it seems going to be quite the rage in Germany, and one of these days, perhaps, a foreign critic will recognise the existence of a British Theatre.

It was in a London hospital, and the doctor was visiting his patients. He came to the bed of a Scotsman, and stopped. "Well, Sandy," he said, "how is it this morning?" "Aw, doctor, I feel very bad, but if only I could hear the pipes of Bonnie Dundee, I'm sure I should be better." "You shall hear them, my man," said the doctor. The next morning two men, plus bagpipes and kilts, appeared at the hospital and played for two hours in Sandy's ward. After they had gone the doctor came. "Well, nurse," said he, "how is Sandy this morning?" "Oh! he's marvellous, doctor," said she. "He's almost well." "That's good! And how are the other patients?" he asked. "Oh," replied nurse, "they're all dead."

Today's Poem.

(Night and Death.)
Mysterious Night! when our first parent knew,
Thee from report divine, and heard thy name,
Did he not tremble for this lovely frame,
This glorious canopy of light and blue?
Yet beneath a curtain of translucent dew,
Bathed in the rays of the great setting flame,
Hesperus with the host of heaven came,
And lo! creation widened in man's view.
Who could have thought such darkness lay concealed
Within thy beams, O Sun! or who could find,
Whilst fly and leaf and insect stood revealed,
That to such countless orbs thou madest us blind!
Why do we then shun Death with anxious strife?
If Light can thus deceive, wherefore not Life?
—J. Blanco White.
[The finest and most grandly conceived sonnet in our language.—Coleridge.]

WEATHER CALENDAR.

MAY 13.
1711. It rained all last night and this morning as heavy as lead; but I just got fair weather to walk to town before Church. The roads are all over in deep puddle! The hay of our town is almost fit to be mowed.—Swift.

WHEN.

When you're a married man, Samivel, you'll understand a good many things as you don't understand now; but vether it's worth while going through so much to learn so little, as the charity-boy said when he got to the end of the alphabet, is a matter of taste, I rather think it isn't.—Charles Dickens, Pickwick papers.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

May 18.—Coronet Theatre: "Ponola."
May 18.—Star Theatre: 5.30 p.m. "The Ruling Passion"; 9.15 p.m. "The Quaints" in "Nine O'clock Revue."
May 18.—World Theatre: "Widower's Mine" also the "Unfathomable."
May 18.—Queen's Theatre: "The Lady of Moncreau" The "Olympic Follies."

SOCIAL.
May 17.—Dance at Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.
May 31.—Dance at Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.

SPORTS
May 13.—Tennis Matches, H.K. C.C. at St. Paul Court, final of the Mixed Doubles.

May 24.—Third extra Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.
May 13.—Lammert Bros. at Sales Rooms, Postage Stamps, 5.15 p.m.
May 14.—Lammert Bros. at Sales Rooms, leasehold property, Victoria Road, near Villa Miramere 3 p.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.
May 16.—Fifty-first annual meeting of Union Insurance Society of Canton Ltd., at Head Office, Union Building, noon.

May 16.—Fifty-eighth ordinary meeting of British Traders' Insurance Company, at Head Office, Union Building, 12.15 p.m.

May 16.—Fifty-fifth annual meeting of the China Fire Insurance Co. Ltd., at Head Office, Union Building, 12.20 p.m.

May 28.—Forty-third meeting of the Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., at Jardine Matheson's office, at noon.

May 28.—Second meeting of shareholders of Lane, Crawford Ltd., at the Hongkong Hotel, noon.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The United States Supreme Court has ruled that American citizens residing abroad are subject to a tax upon incomes which are entirely derived from sources within another country.

For mooring their boats inshore at a distance of less than 100 yards from low water mark between the hours of 9 p.m. yesterday and 5 a.m. to-day, 13 masters of cargo and fishing boats were cautioned at the Marine Court this morning.

Miss Root has kindly consented to deliver a lecture at the Hongkong Lodge, The Theosophical Society, 16, Queen's Road Central, on Wednesday the 14th at 5.45 p.m. The subject being: "New Proofs of Immortality." The Lecture is open to all.—Advt.

From Lok-Ma-Chau station—that outpost of Empire overlooking the Samchun River which separates the New Territories from China—comes the report this morning that a coolie, 53 years of age, was found hanging from a cross beam in house No. 131, San Tin village. Suicide is surmised.

The Waichiaoou, has officially notified the Doyen of the Diplomatic Corps that the Chinese Government is now prepared to discuss terms for the rendition of the International Mixed Court in Shanghai, but will leave discussion of the extension of the International Settlement until some future date.

A garden lot of Crown land measuring 7,640 square feet at Magazine Gap in the Peak Reservation District was sold at public auction yesterday for \$382 (upset price) Mr. E. B. Reed, Principal Land Surveyor conducted the auction which was held at the Volunteer Headquarters.

A Chinese coolie who was charged at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday with cruelty to a mouse by holding it over a fire in Nathan Road was "described" by Mr. Hamilton, the Magistrate, as a beast and fined \$50 with the alternative of a month in jail. The coolie's excuse was that he was angry because the mouse made a hole in his coat.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Their friends will learn with interest that the engagement is announced of Mr. H. Bagger, of the Great Northern Telegraph service, and Norah Margaret, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. V. Bowra, of the Bowser House, Lightman, Sevenoaks, and late of Peking. The engagement appeared in the Times on April 3.

Judging from the last Home mail, the London papers gave considerable publicity to Sir Robert Ho Tung's arrival in London for the Empire Exhibition. One photograph shows him in long coat and skull cap, accompanied by Lady Ho Tung and one of their daughters, being met by Mr. Chao Hsin-chu who is wearing European clothes and a top hat.

BILLIARDS.

PALACE HOTEL HANDICAP.

Playing at the Palace Hotel last night in the handicap competition for the Ho-Kong-tong Cup, Mr. J. Blandin (170) beat Mr. A. Miles (125) by 250-207.

The breaks were Blandin, 34, 24, 17 (3). Miles, 18, 17, 16, 15.

RACE MEETING.

EMPIRE DAY ENTRIES.

SELLING RACE INCLUDED.

Below will be found the entries for the various races in the programme for the third extra race meeting of the season, to be held on May 24, Empire Day, which falls on a Saturday. Thanks are due to the Jockey Club for the courtesy of sending us the entries. It will be seen that there are two handicaps, which will each be divided into "A" and "B" classes, and a selling race is included. Comparison with the stereotyped programmes of a decade ago will show the improvement, brought about by the present honorary officials, who, it seems, believe in variety.

Until the weights are published, it will be difficult to consider probable acceptances, of which more anon.

The entries are as follows:—
1st and 3rd Races: Common-wealth Handicap, A. and B. Classes, Six Furlongs:—Yellow River, Watteau, Gaudie, Full House, Duku, Langsat, Exchange Bill (late Marygold), (late Carnation), Sycee Bill, Bandicoot, White Rose (late Harkaway), Strathfarrar, Loch Rannoch, Koh-I-Noor, Arbor Day, Haruna, What to do, Nastaran II., Hartfield, Rialto Star, Jungle Cock, Pawnshop, King Charlie, King Alfred, Peter Pan, Silver Leaf, Belle Isle, Benz, Uncle George, Bluebottle, Limonite, Magnificent Dahlia, Valiant Dahlia, Edenhall, Starland and The Wonk.

2nd Race, Colonial Stakes, Five Furlongs:—Golden Jubilee, What to do, Goom Rock, King Pippin, Pet Mouse, Peter Pan, Cotton-grass, Silver Leaf, Uncle George and Musketeer.

4th Race, Third Aggregate Stakes, One Mile:—Yellow River, Full House, Sycee Bill, Rotheray (late Ramsbury), Loch Rannoch, Koh-I-Noor, Arbor Day, Hartfield, Pawnshop, Spotted Star, King Charlie, Fern Leaf, Benz, Kupi, Magnificent Dahlia, Valiant Dahlia and Edenhall.

5th Race, Hongkong Selling Plate, One Mile (Prices entered in brackets):—Bandicoot (\$300), White Rose (late Harkaway) (\$400), Arbor Day (\$300), Ulinkso (\$100), Goom Rock (\$400), King Pippin (\$200), Pet Mouse (\$100), Oak Leaf (\$300), Mountain Hawk (\$300), Bluebottle (\$400), Jadestone (\$100), The Wonk (\$100).

6th and 7th Races, Empire Handicap, A. and B. Classes, 1 1/4 Miles:—Yellow River, Watteau, Gaudie, Full House, Durian, Duku, Langsat, Golden Jubilee, Exchange Bill (late Marygold), (late Carnation), Sycee Bill, Bandicoot, Grey Dragon, Rotheray (late Ramsbury), Arbor Day, What-to-do, Nastaran II., Hartfield, Rialto Star, Sunstar, Pawnshop, Spotted Star, King Canute, King Alfred, Pet Mouse, Cotton-grass, Satisfaction Dahlia, Fern Leaf, Silver Leaf, Mountain Hawk, Kupi, Uncle George, Magnificent Dahlia, Valiant Dahlia and Starland.

A BREEZE IN COURT.

"AN ATROCIOUS SUGGESTION" SAYS MR. D'ALMADA.

There was a little breeze in the Summary Court yesterday during the hearing of a case in which Mr. D. H. Blake appeared for the plaintiffs and Mr. L. d'Almada for the defendants.

Mr. Blake put in as an exhibit one page of a Chinese account book which had been translated and certified.

Mr. d'Almada asked to see the book and he proceeded to examine other pages than the one on exhibition.

Mr. Blake protested and pointed out that he had put in one page only, and if he had so minded he could have had the rest of the book tied up and sealed.

Mr. d'Almada claimed that he was entitled to look at the book, to see how the business of the firm was conducted.

Mr. Blake continued to protest. Mr. d'Almada: "I have never heard of such an atrocious suggestion."

Mr. Blake: "I am entitled to have that book tied and sealed and to put in that page only which I have had translated and certified."

Mr. d'Almada: "I have been practising in this Court for 25 years, and have never heard of such a suggestion that an account book produced in Court cannot be looked at."

His Lordship did not think the examination of the book would help Mr. d'Almada's case as it was purely a question of facts. Mr. Blake added that in future he would be more careful and would see that the remainder of a book was tied and sealed.

The case proceeded without his Lordship giving a ruling on the point.

HONGKONG'S EVILDOERS.

HOW THE NEW LAWS ARE WORKING.

Severer Sentences Reduce Crime.

Those who take sufficient interest in the general public welfare to worry whether there has been any decrease in serious crime since the new laws were passed will be pleased to hear that the official records show a marked decrease since China New Year.

Strengthening the Arms Ordinance, giving publicity in both the vernacular and English Press to the sentences meted out for armed and/or highway robberies and possession of arms, together with taking strict measures to frustrate crime, have, in the opinion of the highest police circles, been mainly responsible for the downward trend in the crime curve.

Officials, whose duty it is to study crime feel that violent robberies and armed resistance to the police were practically non-existent in the Colony till the end of 1917. Early in 1918, there was that unhappy Gresson Street affair which has been compared to the Sydney Street case. After that the criminal use of firearms in Hongkong extended but it now seems as if a situation has been created in which even the most desperate will not find it worth while to bring their weapons down here, make a sudden raid, and return to the safety of the interior.

About this time last year, there was an epidemic of murders which were traced to political origins. Since then one thing and another has brought about an entire change with the result that attempts of this class have been exceedingly rare.

Possession of arms will always be coupled with violent crimes of which armed robberies are the most familiar. First of all the amendments to the law were made. These were followed up by the heavy sentences which the reforms permitted. Over and above this, the police force has ever been on the alert, in an unobtrusive way with a detailed system for rounding up prowlers and throwing out a mesh even if a crime has not been committed. There are now 110 searchers employed to assist the police and they are to be found on duty at

1784

COURT JUDGMENT INVOKED.

INTERESTING LOCAL CASE.

A judgment given as far back as 1784 and which had not since been overruled was claimed at the Summary Court this morning by Mr. N. I. Brewer.

The judgment referred to was contained in Explanations Reports and was as follows:—"That when a party gives an order for another and at the same time tells the tradesman for whom the goods are he is only to be considered as an agent and not liable himself unless the tradesman refused to deliver them to the order of the person for whom they are directed but to his credit who ordered them."

The case in which it was quoted at the Summary Court this morning was one in which the Lung Cheung Firm of Kwongtung Road (money lenders) claimed \$300.50, the balance due for goods sold and delivered, from the Yee Sang Hop Kee firm and Cheong Wah Kan, also of Kwongtung Road.

Mr. N. I. Brewer was for plaintiff and Mr. E. S. C. Brooks for the second defendant and for Yee Sang Hop Kee firm in so far as the second defendant's liability as a partner in it was concerned, the firm having become bankrupt. At the time of the transaction concerned defendant had been a partner in the plaintiff firm as well as a partner in the Yee Sang Hop Kee firm.

The dispute concerned 138 blanket overcoats made by the plaintiff firm and which defendant was alleged to have bought from them to sell to the Wing Sing firm in Macao.

Mr. Brewer said that defendant wanted first of all for the Lung Cheung firm to let this other firm have them on credit but when the Lung Cheung firm refused he asked for the goods to be given him personally on his credit as a partner in the firm of Lung Cheung and promised that his other firm (the Yee Sang Hop Kee) would affix their chop as a partner to the transaction. The goods were delivered to the Yee Sang Hop Kee firm and defendant took delivery and affixed the chop of that firm.

(Case proceeding).

CANTON UNREST.

PROPERTY OWNERS' FEARS.

Latest advices from Canton hint at further dissatisfaction among the civil population and especially among property owners, over an alleged decision by the Municipal authorities, which will infringe certain rights claimed to have existed for centuries. From what can be gathered it seems that the proposed legislation is to deal with pavements and sidewalks which will have an effect on land values, encroachment rights and traditional privileges of ownership and tenancy goodwill. While on the one hand it is made out that the alleged reforms are for modernizing and improving the city, those affected are resenting them on the grounds of "old custom."

Public meetings have been held, the most noteworthy of which was one said to have been convened by the Merchants' Volunteers or Militia at which a protective association was formed. A report has reached Canton to the effect that a military conference has taken place at Swatow where anti-Sun generals proposed another march on the East River. Mention is said to have been made of receipt of funds from the North to strengthen the war coffers.

SUMMER HOCKEY.

On Friday next, May 16, at 5.45 p.m., a match will be played on the 24th Bombay Grenadiers ground between that Regiment and a scratch team of Navy and Club players as below:—P. V. P. Mills, G. H. Piercy, L. H. Buckle, R. N. E. J. R. Mitchell, A. T. Dean, Com. L. J. Ingham, R. N. M. G. Sladen, R. N. L. J. A. C. Hill, R. N. G. R. More and H. Owen, Hughes. Navy and Club team will play in whites.

COLONY'S HEALTH.

Out of 11 cases of small-pox notified during the week ending May 10, six deaths have taken place; one death out of two cases notified of enteric fever, and deaths have taken place in each of three cases of cerebro spinal fever. Four cases of small-pox were notified on Sunday.

Parents desiring entry forms for the Empire Bonniest Baby contest should apply to the "China Mail" Office, No. 5, Wyndham Street.

JAPAN'S ELECTIONS.

KIYOURA GOVERNMENT'S DEFEAT.

Kato the Next Premier.

Osaka, May 13. The people of Osaka are delighted over the defeat of the Government and the newspapers are demanding the immediate resignation of M. Kiyoura.



Viscount Kato.

Business men here believe that Viscount Kato will be the next Premier because his party is the largest of the three main Parties.

Kenseikai's financial policy of retrenchment is generally approved here, but it is feared it would cause further depression in business.—Reuter.

LATEST FIGURES.

Tokyo, May 12. The position in the elections at nine o'clock this evening was as follows:—Kenseikai 142; Seiyukai 89; Seiyuhoncho 102; Kakushin Club 29; Business-men's Party 9; and Independents 54.—Reuter.

JAPANESE HOMELESS.

EXTENSIVE FIRE NEAR VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, May 12. Over \$300,000 damage has been done and 200 Japanese are homeless as a result of a fire destroying the eastern part of the town of Stevenson, 12 miles south of Vancouver. Two canvas factories, a number of residences, office buildings and several boats have been destroyed.—Reuter's American Service.

SPORT IN SPAIN.

Bilbao, May 12. The English cup winners, Newcastle United, who are touring Spain, have been beaten 1-0 by a Spanish eleven.—Reuter.

FIRST STAGE OVER.

D'OLIVY ARRIVES AT SAIGON.

500 MILES IN AIR FROM HANOI.

Paris, May 12. M. d'OLIVY has arrived at Saigon.—Reuter.

LATER. The 200 mile flight from Bangkok took six hours. A strong head wind prevailed and several storms forced d'OLIVY to descend 3,000 metres.—Reuter.

After overhauling his machine at Hanoi, d'OLIVY next flies to Tokyo where, it is reported, he will join the American aviators in their world flight.

PLACE OF HONOUR.

Washington, May 12. It has been decided that Major Martin, the ill-fated leader of the world flight, will not follow the rest of the squadron to Japan, but will return to Washington with his Mechanically assigned duty at Army Air Service headquarters, although their names remain on the list of world fliers in recognition of the hardships they have endured.—Reuter's American Service.

LATER. The present intention is if the flyers reach Europe, Martin and Harvey will cross the Atlantic and rejoin them there, thus reinstating Martin in the post of honour.—Reuter's American Service.

CHINA'S LUCK.

London, May 12. In the House of Commons, in answer to questions Mr. Penson, Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs, said the details in connection with the allegation of the unpaid balance of the Boxer indemnity for the purposes of education had been settled and a bill would be early introduced.—Reuter.

SOVIET REQUEST.

In the House of Commons in answer to question, Mr. Penson, Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs, said the Government had received a request from the Soviet Charge d'Affaires to hand over the building furniture and archives formerly belonging to the Imperial and Provisional Russian Governments.

The British Government had explained it had no power to compel the present holders to hand over, and failing on amicable arrangement, the Soviet Government must avail themselves of the ordinary legal procedure.—Reuter.

RIVER STEAMERS' WIRELESS.

TWO NEW BOATS.

Notable Event Next Month.

A new epoch in the river trade will begin on June 16 when a ship with wireless will be launched at the Taikoo Dock. This will be the s.s. "Tung On" which is now being completed for the Tung On S.S. Co. The character "Tung" signifies "East" and "On," translated in this sense, means safety or peace. A sister-ship, which will also have wireless installed, is the "Sai On" which will be launched in July. "Sai" denotes "West" and together the ship's names should augur well for trade.

Both ships will have steel twin screws and the dimensions are as follows:—

Length between perpendiculars 225' 0"
Breadth moulded at 25' 0"
Breadth moulded at deck 35' 0"
Depth moulded to gunwale 11' 0"
Height between main and upper decks (beam to beam) 7' 6"
Height between upper and lower decks (beam to beam) 7' 6"
Load draft in salt water 9' 0"

First-class materials have been used in the construction of the ship, the hull of which will be of Siemens Martin Steel. Ample hatches are provided to work the cargo to which branch of the business, some of the best brains in river shipping have devoted their attention. For the protection of passengers, there are many lifebuoys, boats and about 900 lifebelts.

Electric light is to be fitted and fans will help to minimise the heat of the summer months. There is accommodation for 40 saloon, 36 intermediate, 60 Chinese first-class, about 300 upper deck and 700 lower-deck passengers. Teak is

the main substance of the decks and the steering gear will be steam driven.

The main engines consist of two sets of inverted, direct-acting, triple expansion engines, driving twin screws, turning outwards, with two multi-cylinder m.u.v. boilers, all capable together developing 1,400 H.P. when running at about 162 revolutions per minute under forced draught, and capable of giving the vessel a speed of about 14 knots on trial. Working pressure of 190 lbs. per square inch.

For protection against piracy, the builders have built the vessel in such a way as to conform with the Hongkong Government regulations, wrought iron girdles to be fitted on deck with other necessities.

Arrangements have been made with the Marconi International Marine Communication Co., Ltd., to install a wireless set with a range of 200 miles which will be sufficient for the steamer's purposes and is notable as being the first step towards fitting all river ships with wireless. Qualified operators will be included in the personnel.

In Hongkong, the two ships will berth at the Leung Wing wharf and at Canton they will tie up at the Luen Hing Street wharf.

DIVIDED INTERESTS.

FOOTBALL FOR LEAGUE AND CUP.

F.A. CUP WINNERS FINED.

London, May 12. At a meeting of the Football League at Manchester, Newcastle United the winners of the F.A. Cup, were fined £75 for playing weak teams before the Cup Final. Against Aston Villa on April 21, Newcastle played only two of their regular team.

In the match referred to, Aston Villa, it is believed, won by 6 goals. Saturday's mail brought an account of another Newcastle match in which only four of the regular team turned out.—Ed.—China Mail.

THORNY PROBLEM.

London, May 12. In the House of Commons, in answer to questions Mr. J. H. Thomas, Secretary of Colonies, said the Government of North Ireland had refused to appoint a delegate to the boundary commission and the subject was receiving the immediate consideration of the Government.—Reuter.

RUSSIANS BITTER.

Moscow, May 12. There have been anti-German processions with music and banners inscribed with epithets about St. Petersburg and the German police.

This is an outcome of the events in Berlin. The German Embassy is being guarded by mounted police.—Reuter.

[The events in Berlin mentioned took place some days ago when German police raided the Soviet trade office.]

HOME CRICKET.

SOUTH AFRICANS v. SURREY.

London, May 12. At the Oval, when stumps were drawn, the weather was overcast. There were forty thousand spectators. Surrey's score was 238 of which P. G. H. Fender, the captain, had contributed 107, made in dashing style in ninety-five minutes. He hit a six and twelve fours. Pegler took 6 wickets for 68. The South Africans' closing score was 180 runs for 5 wickets, of which Taylor made 44.

DAVIS CUP TENNIS.

BRITAIN PLAYS BELGIUM.

London, May 12. At Torquay, in the first round of the Davis Cup, Kilmarnock (Britain) beat Watson (Belgium) by 7-5, 6-2, 6-1; Washer (Belgium) beat Gilbert (Britain) by 6-3, 7-9, 2-6, 6-4, 8-6. The round will be continued tomorrow (Tuesday) and Wednesday.

BASEBALL LEAGUE.

New York, May 13. In the Baseball National League, St. Louis defeated New York 5-3. Chicago lost to Brooklyn 3-7 and Cincinnati defeated Philadelphia 4-1.

The American League matches were postponed owing to the rain.—Reuter's American Service.

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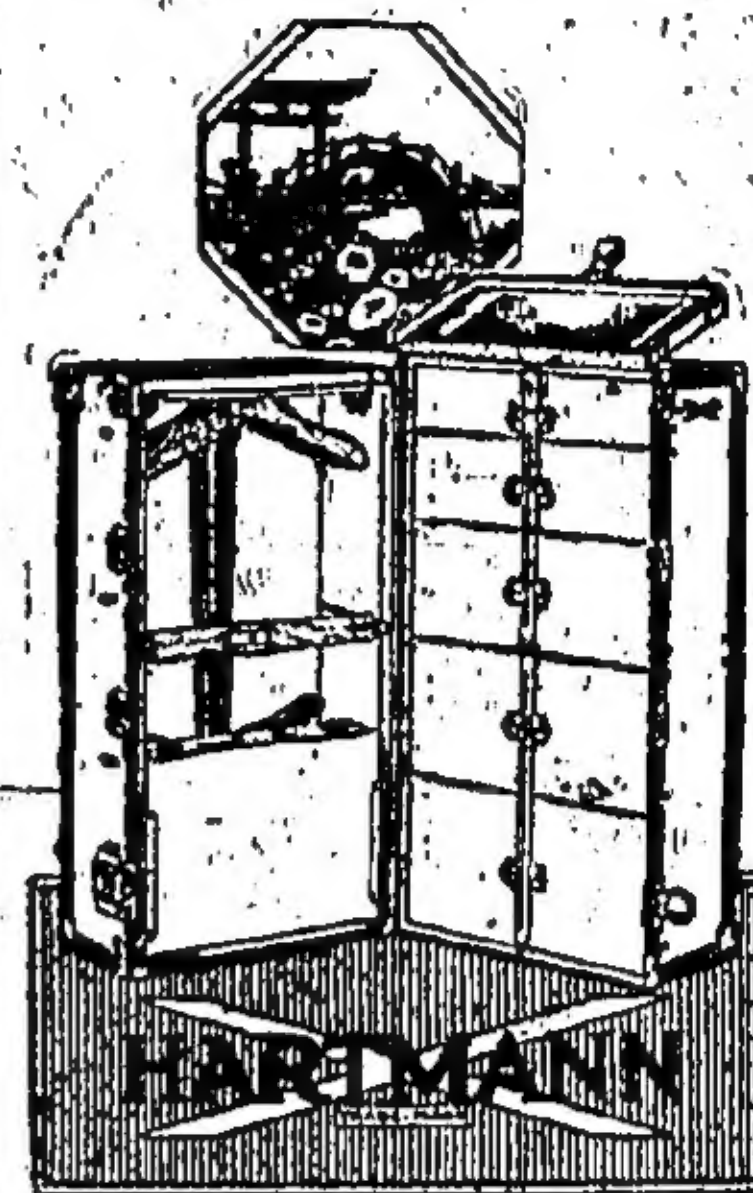
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HONGKONG'S RATIONALISTS.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Dear Sir,—Nothing has come, as yet, of Scrutator's very superior letter in your contemporary, on the subject of Rationalism.

Perhaps it was not stirring enough to achieve the result he desired.

He can hardly make a point of the fact that there was once a Rationalism which is not associated with the present day manifestations. The R.P.A. was established in 1885, and at that time they defined Rationalism, reasonably, as "the mental attitude which, unreservedly accepts the supremacy of reason and aims at establishing a system of ethics verifiable by experience and independent of all arbitrary assumptions or authority." (Messrs R.P.A. Ltd.)

The village schoolmaster, Green Dragon, or the Green Dragon, is entitled to call himself a Rationalist in so far as he adopts this mental attitude, evidence of which would be afforded by altruistic expositions, often self-sacrificing, of the utility of rain making spells and other enchantments in the agricultural world.

In every case of doubt as to the meaning of a word, we should not without evidence restrict its application to less than what is signified etymologically. Disagreement with Descartes or ignorance of his teaching no more debars him from being a Rationalist than a disbelief in the story of Archimedes rushing about shouting Eureka debars me from being a physicist.

Custom is a safe guide—for nearly forty years it has been the custom to denominate the school of thought represented by the innumerable writings published by the R.P.A. as Rationalism in character, and so they are, if we don't restrict the word in that arbitrary manner beloved of Scrutator.

The same thing has happened with Humanism and Christianity. The village schoolmaster is often not far from Christ Jesus than the village confessor, but the latter may be called a Christian nevertheless.

A bacteriologist is supposed to know something about bacteria beyond believing in them. An unbacteriological mosquito-net user might be called a bacterian, might he not, Dr. Pearce? Use of a mosquito net does not imply the knowledge required of a bacteriologist, but merely a belief in their powers for evil. Nor does being a Christian require that one shall know the intimate history of that Gailian.

As for Darwinism, why not? The danger is not here—much can be learned from his works. The danger is that in acceding, with G.B.S., to the "bankruptcy of Darwinism" we may run back in terror to our old superstitions. History records very little in the way of mental activity on the part of the masses, except a series of attitudes from affirmative errors to negative ones and back again. Scrutator's views of Darwinism must not make him feel justified in thinking that the world was made in the year 4004 B.C., that damnation means an eternity of blazing torment, that the Immaculate Conception means that Christ was parthenogenetically brought forth by a virgin and that

sex is sinful; that the Trinity is an anthropomorphic monster with three heads which are yet one head; that in Rome the bread and wine in the altar becomes flesh and blood, while in England, in a still more mystical manner, it does and does not; that the Bible is an infallible scientific manual, a complete guide to conduct and an accurate historical chronicle—that we may lie and cheat and murder and then wash ourselves innocent in the blood of the lamb at the cost of a credo and a penny, and so on and so forth.

I don't suppose for a moment that they do, but these ideas are being inculcated now in the responsive minds of millions of children, at Government expense, and this is what Rationalism combats.

The idea, again, that Rationalism is opposed to Emotionalism is not always correct. Rationalism was expressed a century ago in the following lines:

"Some kinder casuists are pleased to say,
In pious print, that I have no devotion;
But set those persons down with me to pray,
And you shall see who has the properest notion
Of getting into heaven the shortest way:
My altars are the mountain and the ocean,
Earth, air, stars—all that springs from the Great Whole
Who hath produced and will receive the soul."

There is nothing Robot like, moreover, about Arnold Bennett, Esien Philipps, and other present day Rationalists. Sir Ray Lankester in 1921 said "There is no Association in this country which has done more for intellectual progress in the past twenty years than has the R.P.A."

Then, as to transference of the headquarters of the Association to Macao, there is something to be said for the idea, though we should of course be more vulnerable there than in the comparative freedom enjoyed in London.

Finally, that reason was not given, as far as I can remember, as the only one for not going on a perennial jag, as many Christians do. So what has J. J. R. to do with it?

I hope Scrutator will not retire at the first light treading upon the coat tails he dragged before the public in his amusing way. The "perennial jag and the Peter Bell" arguments are abandoned, at least, are they not?—Yours, etc.

VILLAGE SCHOOLMASTER.
Hongkong, May 12.
(G. B. Shaw, Back to Methu-
selah. Byron, Don Juan)

QUAINTS' SUCCESS.

ANOTHER ENJOYABLE PROGRAMME.

Anywhere on the Quaints' idea of an Underground brought us to the station of laughter last night at the Star Theatre, where a large audience was content to stay until a late hour. Whilst R.B. which his other name is Salisbury, dominated the proceedings, it was by no means a one-man show. Each member of the "happy" band was seen and heard to advantage, and the fun was shared by all. The Nine O'Clock Review is to be given, and a farewell to-morrow night.

COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

NAM-PAK HONG MARKETS.

This morning's Nam Pak Hong quotations, basis usual guild terms, were as follows:—

Java sugar, average quality, per picul net—No. 24 rough white "Futures" July delivery \$11.33, August delivery 11.23, September delivery 11.13. "Spot"—\$13.55. No. 24 fine white 15.30, No. 18 rough brown 12.90, Java brown 11.80.

Rice, average quality, per picul gross for export—No. 1 Siam long white 2.60, No. 1 Saigon long white 2.55. Flour, per sack of 50 lbs.—Sperry's XXX \$5.40, White Greens 2.55, Numege Orange 2.53, Kingfisher 2.82, Maize 2.45, Big Gun 2.62, Tiger Shield 2.85, Globe 2.44, Old Mill 2.44, Reindeer 2.50, White Rose 2.44, C. and C. 2.58, Dayton 2.50, Kwan Tao 2.44.

HOME TRADE.

LONDON, May 12.
The Board of Trade returns show the imports for April as £86,165,000, a decrease of £282,000 compared with March.

British exports were £62,866,000, increase of £1,794,000.—*Reuter.*

AMERICA'S TEXTILE INDUSTRY.

WASHINGTON, May 13.
The Senate has ordered an enquiry into the cotton textile industry by the tariff Commission. Senator Walsh moving for the enquiry, stated that the present depression in the industry was not due to the importation of cotton.—*Reuter's American Service.*

JAPAN'S FOREIGN GRADE.

TOKYO, May 12.
The foreign trade returns for April are as follows:—Exports, Yen 148,306,000, being a decrease of Yen 1,580,000 compared with the figures for the same period last year. Imports, Yen 248,919,000, being an increase of Yen 60,795,000. The first four months' exports totalled Yen 484,852,000, being a decrease of Yen 4,641,000, and imports Yen 1,068,672,000, being an increase of Yen 375,901,000.—*Courtesy Daily Bulletin.*

FIRE INSURANCE.

TOKYO, May 12.
The long-deferred fire insurance problem is receiving final settlement, and the companies are paying out a certain percentage of the claims after the arrangement reached with the Government. Claims up to Yen 5,000 are being paid 10 per cent. Yen 10,000 3 per cent. Yen 15,000 2 per cent. and above Yen 15,000 5 per cent. varying according to the financial condition of the assured. *Courtesy Daily Bulletin.*

TREASURY BONDS.

TOKYO, May 12.
Yen 25,000,000 in Five Per Cent. Treasury Bonds, at a price of Yen 91, maturing on June 1, 1931, are to be issued between May 26 and June 10.—*Courtesy Daily Bulletin.*

CHINESE EASTERN RAILWAY.

PEKING, May 12.
The American Legation sent a Note to the Wai-chiao on May 3 drawing the Chinese Government's attention to resolution 13 of the Treaty, in which the Powers reserve the right to insist upon China's responsibility for the performance or non-performance of her obligations towards foreign stockholders, bondholders and creditors of the Chinese Eastern Railway, which the Powers may deem result from the contracts under which the railway was built.

The Note points out that the United States stands for the preservation of the legitimate interests in the Chinese Eastern Railway of the nationals of all countries, including the Russians, and emphasises that there is no intention to interfere in the Sino-Russian negotiations. China is warned against entering into any unilateral agreement which will invalidate foreign interests.

The French Legation has sent a similar Note to the Wai-chiao.—*Courtesy Daily Bulletin.*

TRADE OF HANKOW.

In the report for the week ending 29th April, the Hankow British Chamber of Commerce states:—
Bar silver 1000 to 1001 and forward in 19th, remained steady, but closed 23 1/2 ready and forward on 23rd inst. New York (London) 436 1/2 on 16th, rose steadily to 439 1/2 on 23rd. T.T. remained steady all the week at 2 1/2, with sellers 2 1/2 and the rate 4 1/2, which were placed at 3 1/2, early in the week, were done

at 3 1/2 at the close. Chinese market rates—Shanghai Tls. 97.45. Local currency \$70.3. Native interest 8 1/2 per cent.

Piece goods market stagnant. Yarn market firm, with an upward tendency; clearances brisk.

The export position as last reported is unchanged. There is a fair inquiry for fallow and some purchases have been made, but apart from this there is little doing. China grass is in demand from Europe, but supplies are exhausted. Wood Oil is quiet, with no business passing.

The principal exports were:—Cow hides, 1,499 piculs to Japan, China grass, 3,881 piculs to Japan. Raw cotton, 7,853 piculs to Shanghai, 1,009 to Japan. Beans, 10,412 piculs to Shanghai, 13,370 to other (China) ports. Wood oil, 8,902 piculs to Shanghai, 1,557 to other (China) ports. 5,151 to the United Kingdom, 9,279 to the United States. Antimony regulus, 1,260 piculs to Germany.

PHILIPPINE INVESTMENTS.

MANILA, April 22.
American investments in the Philippines increased slightly during the year 1923 compared with 1922. Chinese more than doubled their investments over 1922, while Filipino investments jumped by practically two thirds compared with 1922, according to figures compiled by Field A. Rogers, Director of the Bureau of Commerce and Industry.

During 1923 there were 203 American corporations and partnerships, each an investee American, with an aggregate capital of \$1,171,000, compared with 49 the previous year with a capital of \$1,050,000; 141 Filipino, with capital of \$1,325,000, compared with 120 the previous year with capital of \$1,400,000; and 171 Chinese, with capital of \$1,325,000, compared with 125 Chinese concerns with capital of \$1,900,000 in 1922.

Twenty other concerns from various countries were registered.

ROYAL VISITORS.

BRITAIN'S CORDIAL WELCOME.
LONDON, May 12.

Following their visits to France, Switzerland, and Belgium the Romanian Sovereigns were this morning escorted across the Channel by four British destroyers and five aeroplanes.

They landed at Dover where they were met by the Prince of Wales, and continued for London where they were cordially welcomed by the Queen, the King, Mr. Macdonald and other Ministers and distinguished persons.

They drove with the British King and Queen through cheering crowds in ballgown streets to Buckingham Palace where they stay for a four days' visit.—*Reuter.*

IMPOSING BANQUET.

LATER.
Buckingham Palace was resplendent on the occasion of the state banquet in honour of the Romanian King and Queen. The 150 guests included Royal personages, diplomats, leading national representatives, and the cream of society.

There was an imposing scene as the Royal personages and ambassadors went in procession on the way to the banqueting room amid the playing of national anthems. Warm speeches were exchanged between the Kings.

The Royal visitors devoted the afternoon to paying homage at the tomb of the Unknown Warrior in the Abbey and at the Cenotaph.—*Reuter.*

ARMAMENTS.

TOKYO, May 12.
The Japanese Press favourably comments upon the British and American views regarding the calling of a conference for a further limitation of naval armaments, but urges that each participating nation must insist upon retaining a standard naval and air equipment constituting the minimum strength essential for self-defence and protection.—*Courtesy Daily Bulletin.*

Peking, May 12.—Wu Pei-fu recommends the appointment of Sun Chun-fang as Tapan of the Kwangtung-Fukien frontier defence. Chow Yin-jen will succeed Sun Chun-fang as Tuli of Fukien. The Cabinet will consider the recommendation to-morrow. *Courtesy Daily Bulletin.*

Lieutenant E. St. J. Edmondstone has been appointed to H.M.S. "Hawkins" flagship of the China Station, for duty from April 22.—This officer joined the navy in 1916, saw service afloat, and since then has been mostly employed in home waters.

ESCAPED CONVICT.

AMUSING CORONET COMEDY.

Although "Ponjola" is the major attraction at the Coronet Theatre—and rightly since it is in every respect a notably fine film—many people are finding the comedy even more enjoyable, depicting as it does Buster Keaton in his funniest role to date. Buster is playing golf, in his own quaint manner, when he is knocked senseless by a golf ball. An escaped convict comes along and changes clothes with him. Then Buster's adventure begins. How he is marched off to jail, how he narrowly escapes hanging, how he quells a mutiny and how he wins the hand of the Warden's beautiful daughter provide some excellent buffoonery and give welcome comic contrast to the more serious "Ponjola."

COURT.

PEKING, May 12.
Replying to the note addressed to it by the Diplomatic Corps on April 12, the Chinese Government agrees to three conditions: Firstly, that satisfactory arrangements be made to meet the expenses of the Court; secondly, that the Court decisions be executed throughout the Republic; thirdly that assurance be given that arrangements between the Diplomatic Body and the Chinese Government shall be duly executed by local authorities.

As regards the other questions brought up by the Diplomatic Body, Note such as improvement of the port and the extension of the settlement boundaries, etc., the Chinese reply says that while these have no direct bearing on the subject of the Mixed Court, the Government is willing to prepare for negotiations provided that these questions beneficially affect both foreigners and Chinese.

The Chinese Government considers the rendition of the Mixed Court to be an urgent matter.—*Reuter.*

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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E. B. C. HORNELL
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 13th May, 1924.

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EASTERN HELL TEMPLE.

The 28th day of the 4th moon brings round one of the big annual festivals of Wuchang, writes the Wuchang correspondent of the N.C.D. News. It is kept at the "Temple of Eastern Hell" outside the east side of the city. No one seems to know the origin of the festival, or even its meaning; but for three days the road is blocked with people of all ages and both sexes coming to and fro, while beggars of the lowest type line the road and reap a harvest of copper.

This year the big temple has been given a special furnishing in preparation for the great day. The tiles of the roof have been repaired, and the walls have had a clean coat of whitewash given them, on the outside. More than a month ago, idol-makers were at work plastering up the images, and giving them a fresh daubing of paint.

In the main temple, several rows of hideous idols stand eight feet high, in all their splendour of vermilion, blue and yellow newly laid on. The dim background of the central shrine is lit up by hundreds of wax candles, like constellations in dark sky, by whose light grim dragons are dimly seen sticking out their ugly heads from the wall.

Along either side of the central court are side chambers, five on each side behind a screen, showing the tortures that await the soul after death. Here are figures having their heads cut off or being sawn asunder, bound to red-hot pillars or being hung from a height on to sharp stakes, some plunged into a sea of fire and others into a lake of ice. Devils with black faces are busy with pitchforks and chains and knives, or blowing up the fires through bamboo tubes. One wonders if every mortal ever sinned a sin the less for having the horrors of retribution portrayed in such terrible detail!

The crowd that throngs the temple is not a serious one. One man kneels before the central shrine, while the lots are thrown, and draws a tally for which the priest hands to him the corresponding oracle, ready printed on a slip of yellow paper. Another goes from one image to another, counting beads each one. But most of them are obviously idle sightseers, out for the day's enjoyment. The open court is crowded with tables at which coolies are noisily feasting.

But the real excitement is outside the temple, and for half a mile along the road. Here are peep-shows and fortune tellers and snake-charmers and actors and hawkers—all the kind that gather at a fair in both east and west, and that draw the crowd by their offers of new sights, half mysterious and half grotesque. No doubt in three days they earn enough to buy several times over their tawdry stock-in-trade. The noise of the crowd and the eternal beating of gongs goes on all day and far into the night.

In Hankow, the collapse of a native theatre while a performance was going on has caused injury to some 40 or 50 people. Most of the injuries were slight, but three cases were serious enough to be taken to hospital. The building is known as the Mei Cheng Theatre and was only built last year. The prevalence of this kind of jerry building that so quickly brings disaster is astonishing.

LONG VOYAGE.

YACHT "SHANGHAI" AT COPENHAGEN.

A cable was received by the Shanghai Yacht Club, on May 8 from the Royal Danish Yacht Club, announcing the safe arrival at Copenhagen of the "Shanghai," the local yacht club's burgee and manned by five of its members, sailed from the Huangpu on February 20, 1923, on a voyage to Denmark, the progress of which has been recorded in our columns from time to time. The yacht, had many exciting adventures, but survived them all, and she was accorded the honour, on more than one occasion, when making a leg from some lonely island to another, of temporary commission as a mail-boat.

Many doubts were expressed as to the possibility of making the long trip in a small boat, but the intrepid yachtsman would not be persuaded that it could not be done and they are fully deserving of the congratulations which Mr. E. T. Byrne, Commodore of the Shanghai Yacht Club, has asked the Royal Danish Yacht Club to convey to them on behalf of the local club.

PLUS FOURS.

CHINA COMES TO WEMBLEY.

Let the whole brutal truth be known. China has come to the British Empire Exhibition in plus fours, writes Sir Percival Philips in the Daily Mail.

Do not expect to see pig-tailed mandarins in flowery robes nodding suavely over their telescopes, when you visit the Hongkong Pavilion—the little bit of China that is British—at Wembley Park. Severely modern young gentlemen in rigid lounge suits and the latest thing in ties are preparing to do the honours of the galleries, lantern-lit native street, where merchants are now arranging their treasures in little shops that are replicas of the ones they left behind.

Young China may consent to don national costume for the edification of visitors, but it will be as a favour granted reluctantly to foolish children. Young China looks at the world with modern eyes, fortified by large horn spectacles. Just how wide the gulf is that separates him from his fathers may be realised from his chance meeting with a cheerful Briton amid the debris of Hongkong's night street.

"Hello, John," cried the Briton when he encountered a sad but business-like-looking youth who was meditating pensively over a half-finished gateway. "You catch me another fine thing for exhibition, eh? Make one time big show for white man?"

Young China regarded him gravely and spoke as follows: "Although your command of English appears to be somewhat limited, I gather that you are pleased with our efforts. Yes, I imagine the contribution of the Hongkong community will compare favourably with those of other Empire organisations."

The plus fours which appear to be the symbol of Young China are flaunted before an astonished Westerner by the secretary to Mr. Lum. Now Mr. Lum is known as the "Lion of Hongkong," and he is a very important person. He has come with a staff of 80 cooks and waiters for the native restaurant, which will offer Chinese delicacies of all kinds to inquiring gourmets. Mr. Lum owns five restaurants in Hongkong and three in Canton, and he is a recognised authority on the weight dishes of his native land.

The restaurant is like a miniature temple from Peking—a simple, dignified structure of heavy black pillars and beams supporting a lofty roof adorned with lanterns; without walls but enclosed in glass panels, and set at one side of the compound so that diners can look out upon the exhibition on one side and on the courtyard comprising the fragment of China on the other.

"VINTAGE EGGS," Mr. Lum's plus fours secretary, "Well, the plus fours are all right, but we shall do it from scratch. Fish cooked in Chinese way, and, of course, preserved eggs—what some people like in rail stations, eh?"

The Hongkong Pavilion is itself a thing of beauty. The central temple-like structure is flanked by high walls, and in towers like those of a Chinese Wall, all green and red, with a lovely frieze of life-like figures in high relief depicting the adventures of the various gods.

The tower on the left is a reproduction of the far side of which is the street of 22 residences, each with its own long life, convenience and luxurious and comfortable, and a multitude of Chinese women for which the 5 miles-long Queen's Road in Hongkong is famous.

"We shall put on a good show," Mr. Lum said, "I don't think our pavilion is half bad!"

LOCAL TENNIS.

DOUBLES CHAMPIONS DEFEATED.

Some very keen tennis, despite the trying weather, was played on the H.K.C.C. court yesterday, when H. Drand O. Rumbach, this year's open doubles champions, met Ng Sze-kwong and R. E. Worthington who have not played together previously, in public. It will be recalled that during the tourney, Worthington was partnered by Redmond and they were knocked out by Ng, partnered by Choa; they, in turn, lost in the final to the Rumbach cousins.

All through the match play was of a high order, the Rumbachs excelling as a team and their opponents in individual brilliance. Ng did not quite put up the same he did in the doubles final but showed signs of his best. Worthington's placing was remarkably accurate, and he was strong all round as compared to some of his play in the tournament. Neither of the Rumbachs were as good all round as they were earlier in the season.

The scores in favour of Worthington and Ng were: 6-4, 6-8, 9-7, 6-2.

WIDOW'S FATE.

RECONSTRUCTING A CRIME.

The murder of Elizabeth Rooney, 60, widow, Sunderland-road, Bradford, in her house on February 22, 1923 was reconstructed by doctors at the resumed inquest.

William Horsley Wardell, 47, engineer, Bradford, who is on remand charged with the murder, was again present.

Dr. Wrangham said the skull was practically broken in two. There must have been at least four blows, terribly severe. The injuries could have been caused by the hammer found beside the body. He added:

"I have an idea, although I cannot say definitely, that the first blow struck was the least disabling of the four. That was the one over the left eye. After that the woman moved to get out of the way, perhaps, and fell, and these other stunning blows were delivered while she was on the ground."

Mr. Thayer Smith, commenting on the various places in the room where blood-stains were discovered, said the probability was that the woman was struck down twice and then moved by the murderer.

Mr. Benjamin Pickles, landlord of the Post Hotel said that Wardell, who visited the place frequently, was sometimes hard up and at other times had as much as £20 on him at a time. Once when Wardell asked him to change a £5 note, which he already possessed several Treasury notes, he said, "You are a mystery to me, Doctor." A note which Wardell was known by, Mr. Pickles replied, "Yes, and I shall remain so."

Some days later continued Mr. Pickles, the police issued a description of a man wanted for Mrs. Rooney's murder, and when Wardell came in he (Mr. Pickles) said, "Mr. Wardell, 'Doctor' that was after you." Wardell asked, "What?" and he said, "The police." When shown the description Wardell said, "I never wore a soft hat."

EVERY EYE DISCOLOURED. Ellen Maria Woodcock said that she had lived with Wardell, who frequently promised her marriage. He did not do any genuine work and never gave her any money for her maid money. She identified letters found in Mrs. Rooney's house as being in Wardell's handwriting.

Following a private consultation which the coroner had with the police, the inquest resumed after 20 minutes. The jury were given all the letters in the case and retired to an adjoining room to compare the writing of Wardell with the writing found at the house of the dead woman.

Mr. Treloar, hairdresser, said that on February 26 Wardell entered his shop. He noticed that Wardell's face and eye were discoloured. Wardell also appeared to have about 10 days' growth of beard. He asked Wardell if his wife had hit him with a flat iron.

The coroner, in summing up, said that the jury had to decide whether Wardell had anything to do with the crime or not, whether he wrote the letters found in the letter-box at Mrs. Rooney's house. The coroner thought the jury would conclude that if anyone wrote the letters, it was the man who committed the crime. They could not, after Wardell's mode of life, draw any inference from the fact that he did not appear to follow any regular employment.

The jury returned a verdict that Elizabeth Rooney was brutally murdered by Wardell.

Wardell heard the verdict calmly and had no further consultation with his solicitor.

CONTEST BY LETTER.

1-YEAR-OLD GAME OF CHESS.

"We capitulate and congratulate."

With these words typed on a sheet of business paper three members of the New York Bar admitted their defeat in a game of chess with the London Bar, which has lasted for four years.

The game, which began early in 1920, was carried out by letter, and each side made a move roughly every three weeks.

It arose from a suggestion of Mr. T. E. Haydon, K.C., who is one of the strongest players in the London Bar. With Mr. Herbert Jacobs, another barrister, and Mr. W. Ward, a solicitor, both strong players, he formed a team, and their competitors were Messrs. E. Hume, H. M. Phillips, and W. M. Russell. In the United States the professions of solicitor and barrister are not kept separate as in England, and so Mr. Ward represented the solicitors.

Unfortunately he died during the course of the game, and his place was taken by Mr. E. G. Sergeant, who is a Somerset House official. "Sometimes we made our next move by return of post and sometimes it took longer," Mr. Jacobs said recently. "At one time, for instance, one of us might be in the west country, one in the south, and one in Scotland."

We played two games with the New York Bar, drawing in one and winning the other at our 44th move. After which the other team resigned."

"FREAK" SOLAR SYSTEM.

THEORY BY FAMOUS MATHEMATICIAN.

For some time past astronomers have known that our solar system is very differently constituted from other families of stars; and more than one theory has been constructed to account for this. The latest hypothesis has been put forward by Dr. Jeans, the famous mathematician.

Our system, as everybody knows, consists of a central sun, several planets, and their attendant satellites—a numerous and—at least, to us—a very interesting family. But the other stars do not seem to have their pivots so full. Some are to all appearance solitary. The majority are known to be binary—that is to say, they have one satellite, and no more. A few have two or three; and there are strange and exceptional systems which consist of a single planet with three or four stars—blue, red, and orange stars, which must out-rival any night-reveler's imagination.

If conscious life exists on these spheres, it must be very differently constituted from anything we know.

NO EXISTING PAPERS.

Our telescopes, of course, cannot tell us yet whether there is life even on Venus and Mars, which are relatively speaking, as near to us as Oxford and Cambridge to London; but there are certain biochemical considerations which suggest that at a certain stage in the evolution of matter life must appear, although assuredly it need not follow our own familiar lines. A planet that has four stars could not, for example, facelessly remarks a London paper, have any evening papers; and if its inhabitants worshipped the sun, they would necessarily be polytheists.

The problem for astronomers is not so much why other systems are different from ours as why we are different from others.

The idea that has been generally accepted since the time of Laplace and his famous nebular hypothesis has been that the planets were thrown off by a rotating sun, and that the moons were similarly thrown off by the planets.

But there are some difficulties about this centrifugal theory and Mr. Jeans has put forward an alternative suggestion.

A PASSING STAR.

In his opinion, a star once passed near our sun—not near enough to collide as occasionally happens in outer space, but near enough to set up a colossal tidal wave which would disturb our own sun considerably. Things could never be the same again. As the stranger passed, its attraction would drag great pieces out of our sun; but travelling at a snail's pace, it would soon leave this disorganised mass behind. These cooling lumps, or sun-frogs, would, according to Mr. Dr. Jeans, in time settle down to rotate round our sun, and eventually become our familiar planets.

There is, of course, no scientific objection to accepting the passage of a swift sun than ours, for galloping stars are a commonplace of astronomy. The extraordinary pace these maintain is a standing difficulty of the gravitation theory, but their existence and their speed cannot be denied.

On the other hand, the fact that no similar event is known to have occurred seems at first sight a more serious difficulty. Some time and some where in the heavens, one would have thought, a similar stellar tidal wave must have been set up and produced a similar result.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The B. F. s.s. "Lycan" left Liverpool on Apr. 18 for Seattle, Hongkong and Shanghai and is due here on or about May 23.

The D.S.L. s.s. "President Harrison" which is due at this port on May 26 sailed from San Francisco on Apr. 10 on schedule.

The B. F. s.s. "Polyphemus" left Liverpool on Apr. 18 for Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama and is due here on or about May 31.

The B. F. s.s. "Dendoceros" left Liverpool on May 3 for Hongkong, Shanghai and Fankow and is due here on or about June 7.

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AFRICA'S BIGGEST MOUNTAIN.

"Kilimanjaro and its People"

(Witherby, 1924), by the Hon. Charles Dundas, Senior Commissioner of Tanganyika Territory, is a most interesting account of the highest mountain in Africa and of the Wabochas, the natives who inhabit its slopes. It is packed with solid information. Until the war Kilimanjaro was in German territory. Towering to an altitude of over 19,000ft., it has always been a magnificent object.

I have seen Kilimanjaro from a distance of 120 miles or more (says Mr. Dundas) and it appeared stupendous, but whether one views it from afar, or from the adjoining hot tropical plain with the amazing some of ice-fields above, whether you stand on its fertile flanks looking up to the dazzling white dome and down to the bush-covered plain, or whether you climb the steep air of snow-line gazing up at the green peak of ice, it is an inspiring sight which compels the traveller to accept it as one of the world's wonders.

The view from the hut, built by the Germans below the peak, is indescribably beautiful, especially at dawn or in the evening when the setting sun floods with golden light the immense stretch of country below us. The forest looks almost flat.

On the eastern side is one of the many features of the mountain.

Here the mountain side forms a gigantic funnel falling sheer down into a gorge some 6,000 or 7,000 feet below. This terrific rift might be thought to be the actual vent of the volcano, but according to Meyer is to be attributed to a crack in the line of the great fissure which caused the original outbursts.

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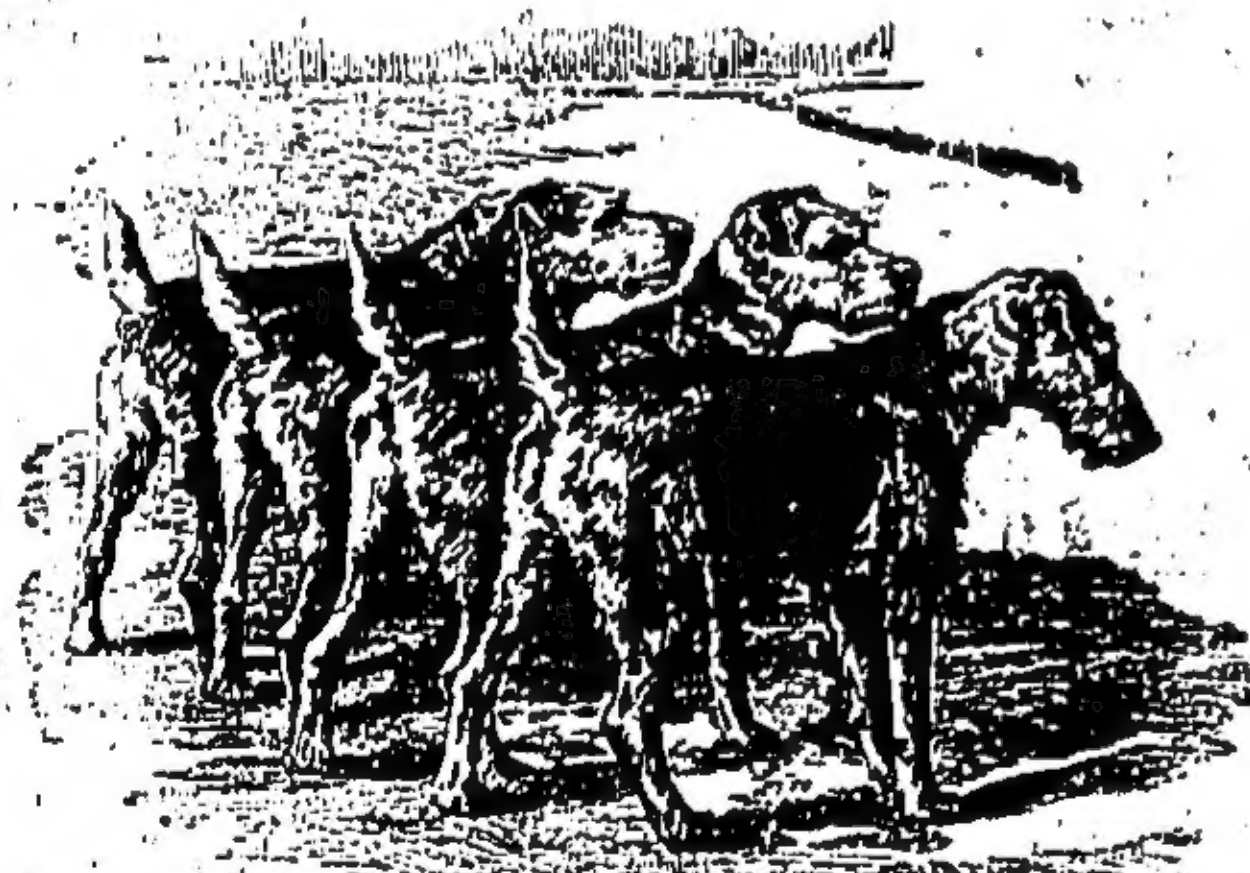
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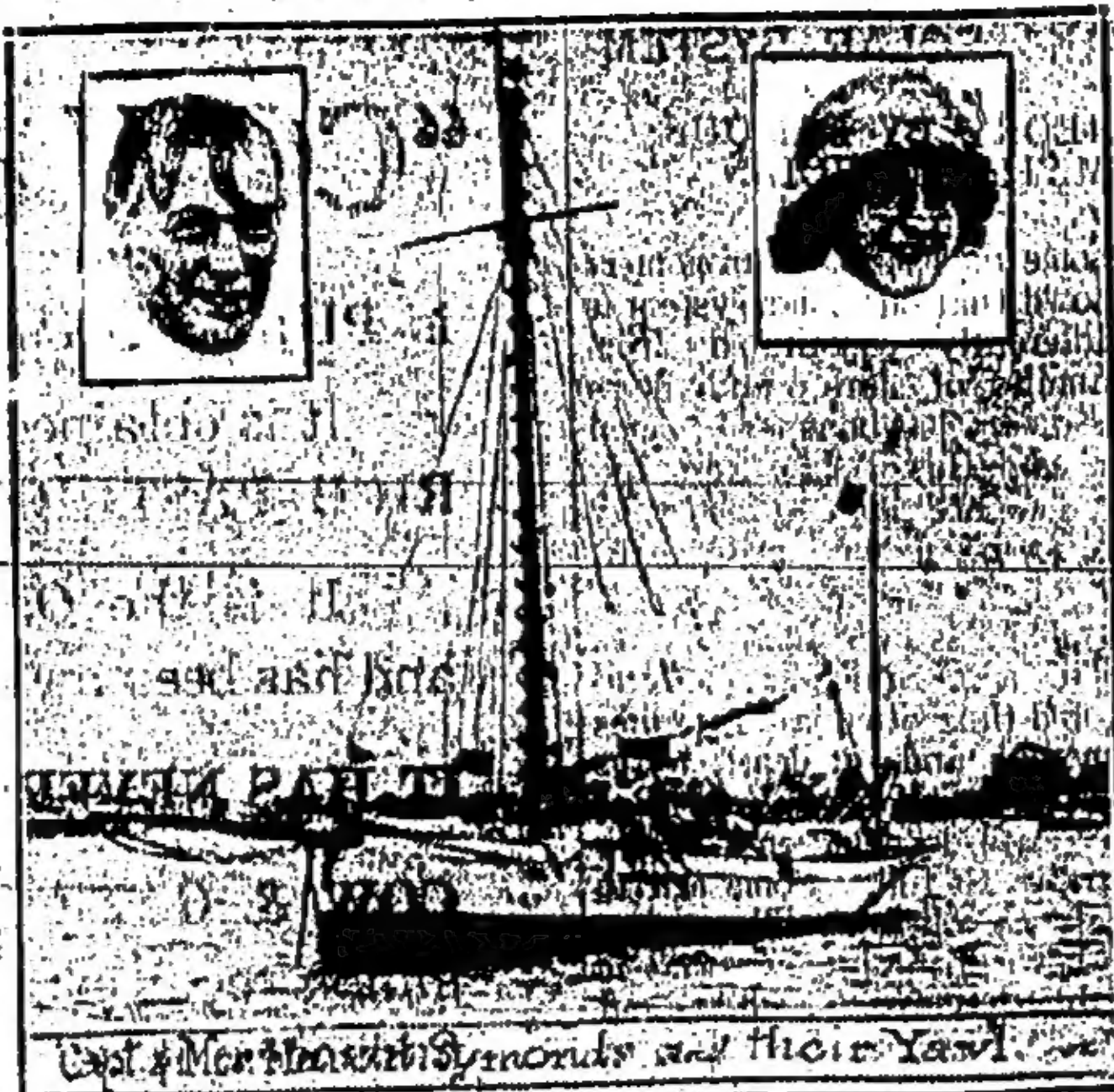
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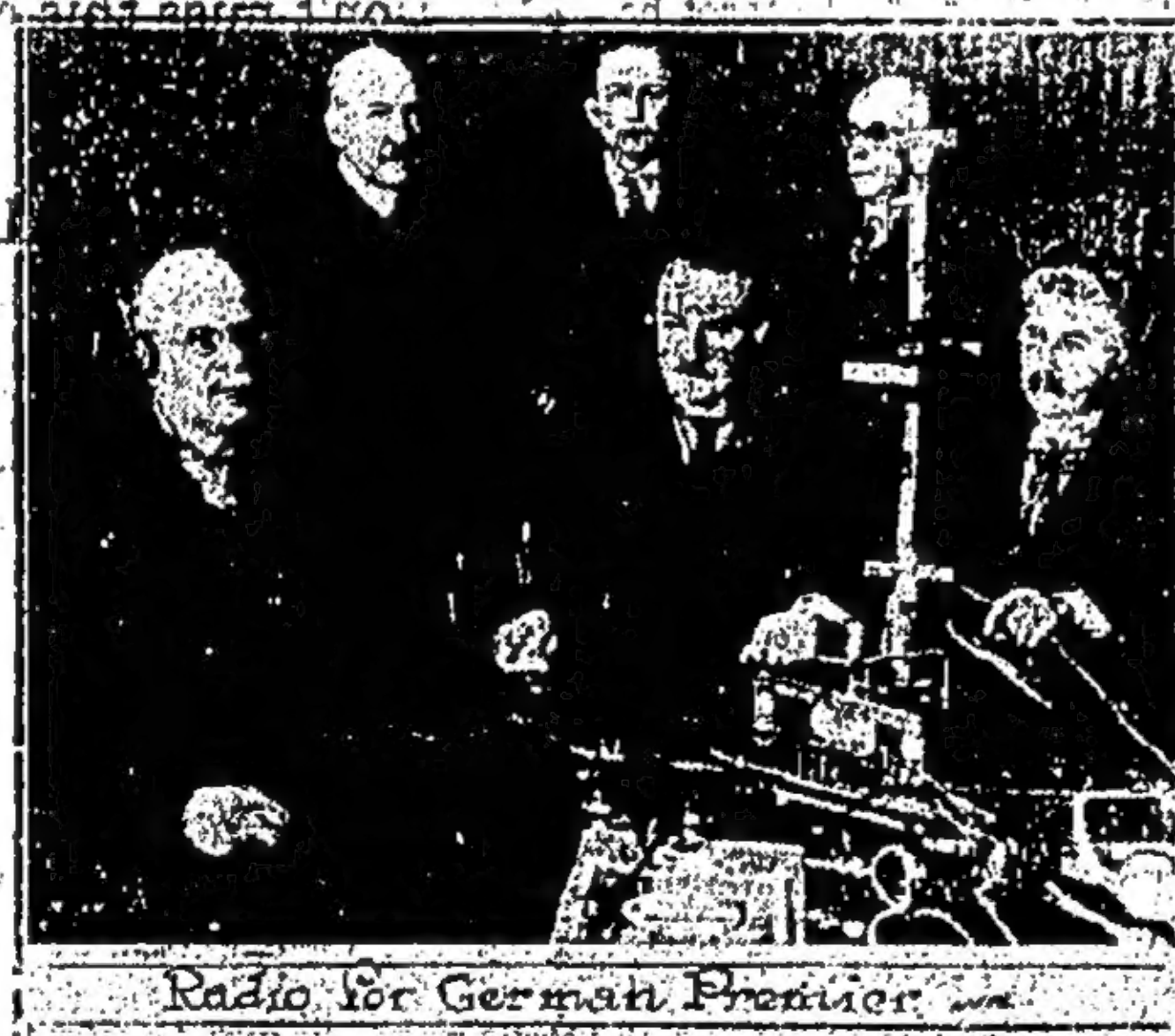
Celebrating his 79th birthday at his little farm home, Colonel John C. Coolidge, father of President Coolidge, said "hard work and no worry" were essential to longevity.



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Intimidation, which developed into terrorism, marked the builders' strike at the Wembley Exhibition. The strikers numbered 4,000 and their action resulted in a complete stoppage of work, at least another 3,000 people being thrown idle. Our photograph shows the strikers who visited every corner of the Exhibition grounds in an attempt to make the stoppage complete, leaving the Hongkong building after persuading other workers to join them.



Dr. Wilhelm Marx, the German Premier, keeps in close touch with the happenings in his own country and with the rest of Europe by means of the radio. This photograph shows him (at the left) listening in with two of his Cabinet Ministers.



ROALD AMUNDSEN

Roald Amundsen, Arctic explorer, has reached Rome, from Marina di Pisa, where he tested out the two aeroplanes in which he will attempt a North Pole flight. Amundsen will take with him Haaksen Hammer, Flight Lieutenant Davison, a newspaper photographer and an Italian aviator. He expects to fly to Spitzbergen, from which point he will take off for the Polar flight.

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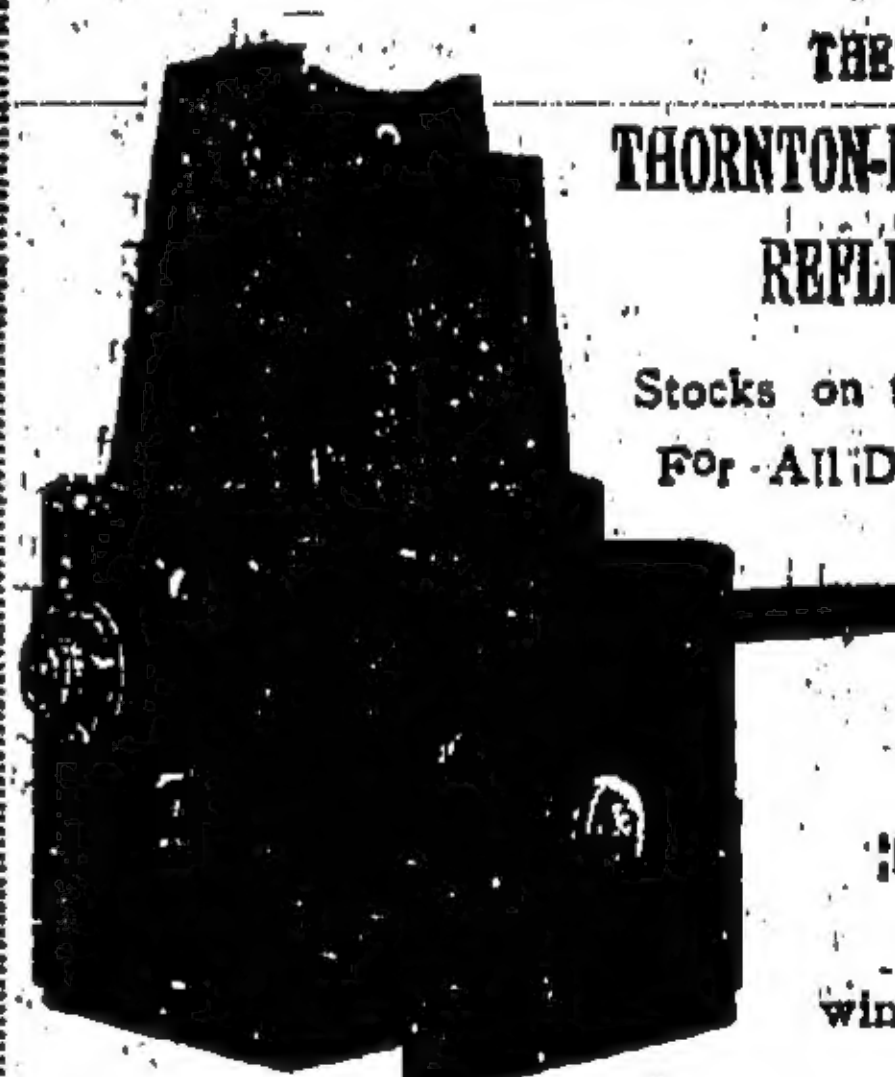
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